

**CLAIMS**

1.- Use of an alkaline or alkaline earth metal chondroitin sulphate, which comes from an enzymatic hydrolysis of animal cartilage, for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of psoriasis with skin affection in a mammal.

2.- Use according to claim 1, wherein the animal cartilage is bovine, porcine or cartilaginous fish cartilage.

3.- Use according to claim 2, wherein the alkaline metal chondroitin sulphate is sodium chondroitin sulphate.

4.- Use according to claim 3, wherein the sodium chondroitin sulphate has an average molecular weight between 10,000 and 40,000 daltons.

5.- Use according to claim 3, wherein the sodium chondroitin sulphate has an average molecular weight between 10,000 and 20,000 daltons.

6.- Use according to claim 5, wherein the sodium chondroitin sulphate has a sulphur content between 5% and 7% weight/weight, on anhydrous base.

7.- Use according to any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the medicament is adapted for oral administration.

8.- Use according to any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the medicament is adapted for topical administration.

9.- Use according to claim 7, wherein the oral administration comprises between 200 and 3,000 mg of sodium chondroitin sulphate daily.